



City of Hogansville
City Council
Regular Meeting Agenda
Monday August 17, 2026 – 7:00 pm

Meeting will be held at Hogansville City Hall
111 High Street, Hogansville, GA 30230

Mayor: Jake Ayers	2029	City Manager: Lisa E. Kelly
Council Post 1: Michael Taylor, Jr	2029	Assistant City Manager: Oasis Nichols
Council Post 2: Jason Baswell	2029	City Attorney: Alex Dixon
Council Post 3: Mandy Neese *	2027	Chief of Police: Jeffrey Sheppard
Council Post 4: Mark Ayers	2027	City Clerk: LeAnn Lehigh
Council Post 5: Kandis Strickland	2027	* Mayor Pro-Tem

REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 pm

1. Call to Order – Mayor Jake Ayers
2. Invocation & Pledge

CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be approved by one blanket motion.

1. Approval of Agenda: Regular Meeting August 17, 2026
2. Approval of Minutes: Public Hearing & Regular Meeting August 3, 2026

PRESENTATION

1. H.E.L.P. Spay/Neuter Clinic

CITIZEN APPEARANCES

1. Albert Prado to Discuss UDO Ordinance Regarding Data Centers
2. Paula Darden to Discuss Negative Aspects of Data Centers
3. Ila Burdett to Discuss Zoning

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance – 2nd Reading and Adoption– UDO Text Amendments to Create & Establish Heavy Industrial (HI) Zoning District, Adoption of Standards & Regulations for Data Center Developments, and Establishment of Procedures and Requirements Related to Developments of Impact
2. Zoning Variance – 811 E. Main Street
3. Appeal of Hogansville Historic Preservation Decision - Certificate of Appropriateness – 203 Johnson Street
4. Bid Award – Hipp Park Gazebo

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Litigation Exemption

NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

5. Ante Litem

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

1. Council Member Taylor
2. Council Member Baswell
3. Council Member Neese
4. Council Member Ayers
5. Council Member Strickland

MAYOR'S REPORT

ADJOURN

Upcoming Dates & Events

- August 20, 2026 – 6:00 pm | Meeting of the Planning & Zoning Commission at Hogansville City Hall
- August 25, 2026 – 6:00 pm | Meeting of the Downtown Development Authority at Hogansville City Hall
- September 8, 2026 – 7:00 pm | Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council at Hogansville City Hall

The Royal Theater Happenings

- Friday, August 21, 2026 – 7:30 pm | LIVE EVENT: TRIBUTE: A Celebration of the Allman Brothers Band
 - Saturday, August 22, 2026 – 4:00 pm | MOVIE: Happy Feet
 - Tuesday, August 25, 2026 – 7:00 pm | MOVIE: Annie
 - Friday, August 28, 2026 – 7:00 pm | MOVIE: Young Guns
 - Saturday, August 29, 2026 – 7:00 pm | MOVIE: Labyrinth
- Purchase tickets online 1937royaltheater.org or call the box office 706-955-4870



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REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order: Mayor Jake Ayers called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Mayor Ayers, Council Member Michael Taylor, Council Member Jason Baswell, Council Member Mandy Neese, Council Member Mark Ayers and Council Member Kandis Strickland. Also present were City Manager Lisa Kelly, Assistant City Manager Oasis Nichols, City Attorney Alex Dixon, City Clerk LeAnn Lehigh, and Police Chief Jeff Sheppard.

Council Member Baswell gave an invocation, and Mayor Ayers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Council Member Strickland moved to amend, then approve the Consent Agenda, adding a Presentation after Citizen Appearance to Introduce the City's newest employees, and striking item number 2 under New Business (Zoning Variance – 811 E. Main Street). The motion was seconded by Council Member Neese.

Motion Carries 5-0

PRESENTATION

1. H.E.L.P. Spay/Neuter Clinic

Sean with H.E.L.P. Spay/Neuter Clinic in Newnan is partnering with the City on a monthly basis to assist with pet overpopulation and animal health. H.E.L.P. Spay/Neuter Clinic will also participate in the Hogansville Hummingbird Festival, offering vaccination and microchipping services.

CITIZEN APPEARANCES

1. Albert Prado to Discuss UDO Ordinance Regarding Data Centers

Albert Prado of 700 E. Main Street addressed Council and requested that action on the proposed UDO amendments be delayed until all suggested revisions have been reviewed and incorporated. He also requested that the current moratorium on data center development be extended for at least 90 days.

2. Paula Darden to Discuss Negative Aspects of Data Centers

Paula Darden of 701 E. Main Street raised ethical and environmental concerns about approving the data center deal and urged Council not to approve the Hightower Road data center project.

3. Ila Burdett to Discuss Zoning

Ila Burdett of 301 Maple Drive requested the council postpone the vote to create a stronger ordinance.

PRESENTATION

1. Hogansville Police Chief Jeffrey Sheppard introduced Lieutenant Lisa Lindsey as the City's new Code Enforcement Supervisor. Lieutenant Lindsey previously served with the Troup County Marshal's Office and is a U.S. Navy veteran, where she served as a hull maintenance technician. She has 16 years of law enforcement experience, including 11 years of experience in code enforcement, animal control, and abatements.
2. City Manager Lisa Kelly introduced Stephanie Savage as the City's new Deputy City Clerk. Ms. Savage brings extensive governmental experience to the position and has already begun assisting with the City's records retention efforts.

NEW BUSINESS

1. ***Ordinance – 2nd Reading and Adoption – UDO Text Amendments to Create & Establish Heavy Industrial (H) Zoning District, Adoption of Standards & Regulations for Data Center Developments, and Establishment of Procedures and Requirements Related to Developments of Impact***

Motion: A motion was made by Council Member Taylor to deny the Ordinance regarding UDO Text Amendments for Data Center Developments. The motion was seconded by Council Member Neese.

Discussion: None

Motion Carries 4-1 with Council Member Ayers opposed.

2. *Extension of Moratorium*

Motion: A motion was made by Council Member Neese to extend the moratorium until the next Council Meeting on Sept 8. The motion was seconded by Council Member Strickland.

Discussion: None

Motion Carries 5-0

3. *Appeal of Hogansville Historic Preservation Decision – Certificate of Appropriateness – 203 Johnson Street*

Motion: A motion was made by Council Member Neese to approve the appeal of the HPC decision, allowing the homeowner to proceed with their project as per their concept drawing. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers.

Discussion: None

Motion Carries 5-0

4. *Bid Award – Hipp Park Gazebo*

Motion: A motion was made by Council Member Neese to award the bid to Right Angle Roofing for full replacement of the Hipp Park Gazebo, in the amount of \$35,000. The motion was seconded by Council Member Baswell.

Discussion: The Hogansville Charitable Trust has committed \$10,000 towards the rebuild in exchange for a partnership plaque.

Motion Carries 5-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. *Litigation Exemption*

Council Member Strickland made a motion to move into Executive Session at 8:07 pm under the Litigation Exemption. The motion was seconded by Council Member Neese.

Motion Carries 5-0

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 8:16 pm.

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

5. *Ante Litem*

Motion: A motion was made by Council Member Neese to deny the Ante Litem. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers.

Discussion: None

Motion Carries 5-0

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Council Member Neese and duly seconded, Mayor Ayers adjourned the meeting at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully,



LeAnn Lehig
City Clerk